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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I am VERY familiar with this land, having visited it with former District Ranger Cal Wettstein 10+ years ago. Simply stated, this is a TERRIBLE place for development for the following reasons:

- development would be highly visible for many residents in the Edwards area, including an access road(s) that would cross very visible slopes;
- the access roads that would be needed cross very steep terrain, that would require massive road cuts. Also, if I am correct, any such development would require 2 access roads in case of fire or other emergencies...doubling the impact on surrounding National Forest lands;
- the property sits high above the valley floor and smack dab in the middle of the National Forest. This is prime elk and deer habitat...and the LAST thing that is needed is yet another Mountain Star type development on the north side of I-70;
- pumping water uphill from Edwards would be very expensive, if that is where they are planning to get their water from;

-as the Forest Service knows, the former State section 16 adjacent to the NE corner of this property was acquired by the Forest Service several years ago
PRECISELY to avoid the threat of development inside the Forest at such high altitude. The same strategy (acquisition) should be pursued here. Developing this property would negate much of the good that was achieved by acquiring Section 16.

I would encourage the Forest Service to ask the developer to consider a land exchange, or purchase, that would transfer this private development to lower elevation land where development is more appropriate.

Sincerely,

Andy Wiessner